THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) The Centrel Road Research Institute in their Report. 'Mobility levels & Transport Problems of Various population Groups'· submitted to the Planning Commission in June, 1989 have recommended that alternative systems of transport should be considered for cities of various sizes including larger metropolises. The recommendations will be kept in view while formulating transportation strategies for the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Planning Authority for Existing Metro Authorities

1213. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Task Force of the Planning Commission has recommended the role of Planning Authority for existing metro authorities; and

(b) if so, the present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Wastage of Fertiliser Due to inadequate Storage and Delayed Loading

1214. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bags of fertilisers wasted yearly due to inadequate godowns facilities and delay in loading and

(b) the approximate loss incurred during the last three years and the steps taken to ensure quick loading and provide godowns to protect the fertiliser bags from being ruined by rains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILISERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) By and large adequate godown facilities for storage of fertilisers are available in the country. About 1% of the fertiliser bags get damaged on account of movement by rail road, handling at warehouses/ railheads or other such unforeseen circumstances like delay in loading etc. Care is taken to keep the losses to the minimum, by insisting on ISI specifications for Laminated Jute bage etc.

Number of wage earning children in the country

1214. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of children per thousand who are wage earners;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard to find out their nature of jobs, working conditions etc; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) According to the projections made for 1986 on the basis of the figures of the National Sample Survey (38th Round) and of the Expert Committee on Population Projections, out of every thousand children in the age group 5—14 years 91 were child workers.